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MEMORANDUM

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FROM:

Jennie L. Lancaster, Chief Deputy Secretary

RE:

Reimburse Counties for Housing and Extraordinary Medical Costs

for Inmates, Parolees, and Post-Release Supervisees Awaiting Transfer to State Prison System (S.L.2009-451, Section 19.3)

DATE:

August 2, 2010

Pursuant to Section 19.3 of Session Law 2009-451 (Senate Bill 202), the Department of Correction is to report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the expenditure of funds to reimburse counties for prisoners awaiting transfer to the state prison system and on its progress in reducing the jail backlog. N.C.G.S. § 148-29 authorizes the Department to pay \$40 per day to counties for persons awaiting transfer to the state prison system.

The Department incurred \$2,601,600 in backlog expenses for inmates awaiting transfer from January through March 2010 and \$2,654,880 from April through June 2010. The Department will utilize the limited beds scheduled to come on board between the fall of 2010 and the second quarter of 2012 to work toward reducing the jail backlog.



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For FY2009-2010, the Department of Correction incurred the following backlog expenses:

Backlog Expenditures (FY2009-2010)

PERIOD	BACKLOG EXPENDITURES
July - September 2009	\$1,002,840
October – December 2009	\$3,354,160
January - March 2010	\$2,601,600
April – June 2010	\$2,654,880
FY2009-2010 TOTALS	\$9,613,480

Department of Correction staff members are available if further information is requested.

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